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## EVERYDAY AFFAIR

Gradually the mysteries are being unfolded.

Not many years ago it was difficult for the simple mind to understand that "To him that hath it shall be given, and from him that hath not even that he hath shall be taken away." It was given to our own government to perform the miracle

of taking something away from the man who has nothing. Giving to them that have is an ordinary transaction. Wednesday the papers printed the story that telephone sub-

scribers in Memphis will pay a monthly increase in rates. It will be surprising if the utilities commission does not grant the street railway the privilege of collecting an increase in fare.

In a week or two the city administration will announce that the tax rate, raised from \$1.80 to \$2.20, will stand. The bills are already printed and the report of the investigating committee is courteously awaited.

Just now the people are mailing to Collector Craig at Nashville the second installment, equal to one-half of their total income tax for the year 1918. If the check is not in the hands of the collector by Monday, June 16, a penalty will be imposed, "which, added to the amount already paid, will equal at least one-half of the total amount of the tax.

It is a dull day, indeed, that does not record an advance in the price of some necessity.

It will be a lucky day, indeed, when the price of something the public needs is reduced.

## MOTOR CAR EXPRESS

The motor car express that is being discussed, and which is intended to cover the territory in all directions from this city for a distance of 50 to 100 miles, would be a great benefit to the country traversed as well as to the city. The railroads cannot handle the traffic profitably without apparently making extortionate charges on short hauls, and if the railroads hauled the freights for nothing the expense to the people would still be great. It costs as much for switching to make up a train for a short haul as for a long one. It costs as much to load the cars and to unload them. The producer who has cotton or seed, corn or garden truck to ship must load it on wagons and haul it to the depot, where it must be unloaded until cars can be provided to haul it. This costs time and money. The expense to the railroad, whether it hauls 25 miles or 100, is practically the same, because the overhead expenses are what count. The motor car carrying four or five tons can load on the farm or plantation and come to Memphis, going direct to the platform of the consignee; the work is done in one motion and there is no drayage and expensive handling. All this is saved.

The Memphis merchant can ship his goods to his customer direct and deliver the goods at his home instead of at the railroad depot. The people along the various routes are brought in daily touch with the Memphis markets and can send in their butter, eggs, chickens and vegetable products, making direct deliver, to the purchaser. The convenience of the system will be a great benefit. The country people will enjoy all the advantages of living in town and the townspeople will enjoy the advantages of living in the country. Country merchants need not carry large stocks of goods, because they can quickly obtain what they need as they need it and purchase only what they have an immediate market for. In this way stocks will always be fresh and up to date. The farmer who has a couple of hogs or sheep for sale need not spend a day in hauling them to the depot. He can ship direct to the slaughter house or butcher and receive his money the next day.

In densely populated sections of the North this work is done by electric interurban lines. Down this way, where population is relatively sparse and the roads good, the motor truck will be better and more economical. It will unite the country and the city and enable the one to serve the other. In time conveniences can be provided for carrying passengers as well as freight and people will be brought closer together. The traffic will be so great that the project will be a profitable one from the outset.

## GERMAN MUSIC

Luther, Bach and Beethoven established German music on an idealistic basis. Luther was a religious idealist, and believed that "music governs the world and humanizes mankind."

Weber and Mendelssohn first began to show the spirit of modern Germany's brutal force and power, and this spirit was visualized by Wagner, who sought the "kolossal," the overwhelming. No matter how delicate or fragile or sweet the parts assigned the less vociferous instruments, the tuba, with Wagner, crushed and drowned out all of them. It was his hammer of Thor. Mozart was Italian, of the Renaissance period, and Handel was decidedly English. Schoenberg and Richard Strauss represent still ruthless German kultur, and the war has not changed them. They are still of the Wagnerian school.

Schumann and Schubert represent the romantic spirit of the German people, and especially of the country people.

What post-war Germany will do for music time alone can tell. Living composers are sullen, defiant and fond of Prussian destructive kultur, and their music will probably express themselves, as it must, if it amounts to anything.

Since we entered the war German grand opera has been taboo in this country on material grounds. We did not want to pay a cash royalty to our enemies. The Germans continued French and Italian operas during the war, arguing that "art is above politics."

We will probably moderate our rancor now that the war is over, and enjoy what is excellent from all lands. Maestro Puccini has such a hold on us that we care for no one else.

York went through the war a private and came out of it the greatest hero as a private. The disposition to call him "colonel" because he is a member of the governor's staff is in bad taste. "Sergt. York" he should be for the rest of time.

The best patient in the war, says a medical officer, was the wounded American. But the most uncontrollable patient since the war is the American hit in the pocketbook.

Maximilian Harding says the people of Germany are ready to atone for their sins. Maybe they are waiting for somebody to furnish them with the ammunition.

Judging from the anticipated receipts, neither Willard nor Dempsey is likely to be hurt in the forthcoming contest.

## The Days of Real Sport—By Briggs



## Twice Told Tales 10 Years Ago Today in Memphis.

JUNE 12, 1909.

William B. Williamson, turnkey at the central police station, was suspended by Chief W. C. Davis of the police department for an alleged white-piling of a negro woman prisoner, who was said to have been demented. Williamson claimed self-defense.

Gen. Clement A. Evans, commanding the Confederate veterans, declared that the Memphis reunion had been one of the best he ever enjoyed and that every person claiming Memphis as his home should be extremely proud of the welcome given the boys who were the gray and the treatment accorded them by the citizens of Memphis.

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corded them by the citizens of Memphis.

Lewis N. Starke, chairman of the reunion floral parade committee, in a public letter thanked the people of Memphis and others who showed their appreciation of the floral parade, that proved one of the floral parade, that proved one of the features of the week.

When Albert W. Biggs refused to qualify as an election, commissioner, the board organized with H. O. True, the lone Republican member, as chairman,

and John H. Crain, secretary. A remaining member was yet to be named, William R. Moore, for 50 years identified with civic and commercial interests of Memphis, and one of the South's mest prominent business men, died in a Chicago hospital. He was 79 years old.

### HUNTINGDON MAN HURT AND ROBBED BY NEGROES

HUNTINGDON, Tenn., June 12. (Spl.) -John Thomas Williams, of Huntingdon, was waylaid last night on West Paris street, clubbed and robbed by three negroes, who ran away. No arrests have been made. The amount secured by the robbers was about \$50. The man was struck over the head and an ugly gash cut. His condition is now considered critical and officers flave gone to his home to take a statement.

WIRE OFFICE DEMANDED.

FORREST CITY, Ark., June 12 (Spl.)

At the meeting of the Forrest City Rotary club in this city on Monday evoning a resolution was adopted requesting the Mackay Telegraph and Telephone company to open a downstairs office and place in charge a regularly and duly authorized manager-operator for the purpose of meeting the demands and taking care of the needs of the business interests of the city.

It is understood that Lloyds bank, the National Provincial and the Union of England bank are planning to establish branches at Antwerp and at Brussels.

## NEAR WATER SPOUT HITS PINE BLUFF WEDNESDAY

PINE BLUFF, Ark., June 12. (Spl.) -According to the local weather observer the heaviest rainfall in a num-ber of years was recorded Wednesday with a precipitation of 3.45 inches in 30 minutes. The rain did a great deal of damage in this county and many crops are ruined. Some of the streets of the city yesterday afternoon flowed of the city yesterday afternoon flowed like rivers and the water was up in some of the Main street stores. A bolt of lightning put the entire lighting system out of commission for several hours, stopping cars and keeping everything in darkness until 11 p. m.

### BILBO DEFENDS FRIEND.

JACKSON, Miss., June 12. (Spl.)-lov. Theo G. Bilbo is in Atlanta ap Gov. Theo G. Bilbo is in Atlanta appearing as associate counsel for the defense in the trial of J. M. McDonaid, former Mississipi fair secretary and politiciar, charged with the murder of a prominent Chinese merchant, Joe Tong. S. J. Taylor, former mayor of Jagkson, and a close personal friend of McDonald's, accompanied Gov. Bilbo.

"It seems strange," said he, as he watched the Tin Woodman work, "that my left leg should be the most elegant and substantial part of me."

"Spoken like a philospher!" cried the Woggle-Bug, as he assisted the Tin Woodman to set Jack upon his feet.

"How do you feel now?" asked Tip. watching the Pumpkinhead stump around to try his new leg.

More Than 100 Characters in "Everystudent," Morality Spectacle.

Running the gamut of emotions, ambitions and desires of the high school student throughout the four years of school life. "Everystudent" portrayed by Miss Eugenia Porter, was seen to pass through a series of kaleidoscopic scenes in the annual class day exercises at the Centrail high school auditorium Wednesday night. The play, "Everystudent" written by George Schaeffer, a member of the graduating class, takes the four years of school work as the background for the action of the play much as George Hobart's play, "Experience" does the world or as "Everywoman" did in Walter Brown's play of that name.

The class day affair ushered in the public exercises of commencement week. Thursday night at the Scottish Rite cathedral diplomas will be awarded to 103 members of the June, 1919, graduating class by the Hon. Hardwig Peres, president of the city board of education. Presentation of the diplomas will be hy Prof. Wharton S. Jones, superintendent of city schools. The graduation address will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. W. D. Buckner, pastor of Calvary church. Musical features will be orchestral selections by the school orchestra and the rendition of The Pligrim's Chorus from "Tannhauser" by the entire graduating class.

Frof. C. P. Jester, principal of the high school, will preside and the Rev. H. S. Spragins will deliver the invocation and bendiction.

### 100 Student Actors.

In four massive scenes the experiences of every student guided by Father Central (Ed Crump) through the vicissitudes of school life are portrayed. Hecalling the well-rounded tones of Eugene Ormonde, the Nobody of "Everywoman," young Crump essayed the difficult role of the guide during the four years of every student's career and from the prologue until the end when he turns the young woman over to graduation essayed by the author of the play, George Schaeffer, the part was excellently played, reading of the blank verse of the text frequently eliciting rounds of apphauss from the auditorium.

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Joy, gloom, mischief and others regale the career of the heroine during the first act which depicts the life of the freshman. In the second act, the sophomorie characters, military, athlete and others vie with ambition on the serious side of the heroine's life, but there creep in folly, laziness, carelessness and others whose allurements bewilder the senses of the tender life with which these characters come in contact.

The third scene subjects every student to the temptations of the cabaret, where irresponsibility, society, music, know-nothing and her offspring, ignorance also are effecuntered until labor and kindness induce her to return to school.

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Through the scenes to the last, the world, admirably acted by Harry Long, keeps in the background only to appear in the final spectacle and claim everystudent as his bride, being married by graduation.

The dance of realization and interpretive dances interpolated during the action of the play were admirably staged under the direction of Miss Josephine McDonald, and singing was beautifully interspersed by students under Miss Marie Leary. Costumes were designed by Miss Marye Cooper, and the scenes were arranged by Miss Clara Schneider and L. S. Paschal. The characters all were so well presented that further individual mention would be idle.

## AMUSEMENTS

Loew's Lyceum,

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Something of the fun that lifted the weight of fear and homesickness from the hearts of the Yanks in the front line trenches will be dispensed for the last three days of the week at Loew's Lyceum, where Jimmy Shea and Robert Bowman, of the United States tank corps, will be featured. These boys are first-class entertainers and their material is said to be refreshing and amusing. Another feature of the new bill will be a domestic playlet, "The Turning Point," presented by a capable cast. Others on the bill will include Harris and Lyman in "The Veritable Pair," Robb and Robertson in "Back to School Days," and Beatrice Lambert in a cycle of character songs. Ethel Clayton in the mystery story, "Vicky Van," is the film star, Loew's news weekly and other short reels will be added. was beautifully carved, on to the body of Jack Pumpkinhead, who was very proud of the acquisition. "That proves you are unusual," returned the Scarecrow; "and I am convinced that the only people worthy of consideration in this world are the unusual ones. For the common folks are like the leaves of a tree, and live and die unnoticed."

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new, original and artistically performed.
Pauline Haggard has an offering that
is slightly different. Miss Haggard is
fortunate in possessing youth, beauty,
personality, voice, good material, splendid wardrobe and in addition she is a
plantst of unquestioned ability, having around to try his new leg.

"As good as new." answer Jack, joyfully, "and quite ready to assist you all
to escape."

"Then let us get to work." said the
Scarecrow, in a business-like tone.
So, glad to be doing anything that
might lead to the end of their captivity, the friends separated to wander
over the palace in search of fitting material to use in the construction of their
aerial machine.

When the adventurers reassembled

## PATROLMEN FREED AND REINSTATED

Pitrolmen D. E. McClanshan and Prince Worley were reinstated Thurs-ay as members of the city police force y foe Burney, police chief, following the dismissal of their charges against them in federal court late Wednesday ffermoon. The patrolmen together

them in federal court late Wednesday afternoon. The patrolmen, together with James E. Caidwell, were indicted under charge of conspiracy in removing 312 cases of whisky from a freight car in transit from Early Times, Ky., to D. M. Morrissey at DeSoto Island, La., opnosite Vicksburg, Miss. Judge John E. McCall directed a verdict of acquittal for all three Wednesday on the ground that the government had not made out a case against them.

McClanahan and Worley recently were discharged from similar accusations in the criminal court. They were suspended when the matter came up in that court and later were reinstated. Indictment on the federal charge brought another suspension followed again by reinstatement. Thursday foilowing the federal court's action.

### **EPWORTH LEAGUERS TO** PLAN FOR CONFERENCE

A special meeting of the City Epworth League Union will be held Friday evening at 8:15 o'clock at the Mississippi Boulevard Methodist church to complete final plans for holding the annual con-vention of the Memphis conference Ep-worth League, which meets at the First church June 17:19.

church June 17-18.
Several committees have been ap-pointed to arrange the programs for the various features of the convention All the members of the different commit-tees are urged to be present Friday tees are urged to evening.

The Memphis leaguers are planning to entertain 200 visiting delegates who will attend the conference. The social-features of the convention will be a picnic on Wednesday evening at Overton park and a boat ride on Thursday afternoon.

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R. E. Nollner is coming from Nash-rille to represent the central office and all of the work being done by Epworth Leagues throughout Southern Method-

### ONE WHISKY BANDIT IS FOUND GUILTY

One boy, Willie Ray, out of four or perhaps more who were alleged to have held up the crew of an Illinois Central train last July and removed from a car 99 cases of whisky, will pay the penalty for the crime. Ray was found guilty late Wednesday by a jury in federal court.

gulity late Wednesday by a jury in red-cral court.

Hay was convicted largely on the testimony of William Jennings, allleged accompilee, who was given immunity when he turned state's evidence. Percy Martin, another alleged holdup, who is said to have been in the party, is in jall somewhere in Arkansas, and Allen Mc-Namara was discharged by Judge Mc-Call Wednesday when evidence that McNamara was not on the scene was presented by Ralph Davis, his attorney.

THREE TAKE OUT PAPERS. Three citizens of foreign birth de-lared intentions Wednesday afternoon o become naturalized citizens in the to become naturalized citizens in t United States district court. They a D. Zazovity, 41, butcher, 409 Alabar avenue, native of Russis; Isaac Na 38, shoemaker, born in Poland a living at 348 North Second street, a Abe Kaplovitz, who Anglicized his nar shortly after emigration from Viln Russia. He is known as Abe Kapla grocer, 335 North Second street.

THEATERS.

CONTINUOUS 1 TO 11 P.M. SHEA & BOWMAN

Of the U. S. Tank Corps. "The Turning Point" A Domestic Comedy With Beresford Lovett & Nestor Kerli Robb & Robertson "Back to School Days"

## **Ethel Clayton**

TWO OTHER SNAPPY ACTS

In "VICKY VAN"
Love and Mystery Happily
Blended LOEW'S "CURRENT EVENTS"

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10c, 15c 10c, 20c, 30c Including War Tax.

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Today, Continuous 2 to 11 p.m.

Feature Picture at 2:15, 4:15, 6, 8, 10, Vaudeville, 3:30, 7:15 and 9:15

La France Bros. Howard & Helen Savage

Coscia and Verdi

Pauline Haggard Mae Murray . —in—

"What Am I Bid?"

MOVING PICTURES.

## PRINCESS CONTINUOUS - 10 A.M. TO II P.M. TODAY AND THURSDAY.

Dorothy Dalton -IN-

## THE HOMEBREAKER

A delightful photoplay showing this star's wonderful artistry. Paramount Drew Comedy, "HAROLD, THE LAST OF THE SAXONS"

After 7 p.m. 10c 15c Until 7 p.m. Including War Tax

Children 10c All Times Friday-Saturday

Marguerite Clark in "Let's Elope"

# The Wonderful Stories, of By L. Frank Baum

out.

"The palace is surrounded by a double row of girl soldiers," he announced. I thought so," returned the Scarecrow. We are as truly their prisoners as we were before the mice frightened them from the palace." My friend is right," said Nick Chopper, who had been polishing his breast with a bit of chamois leather. "Jinjur is still the Queen, and we are her prisoners."

years old.

It was announced in the local papers that price of admission to the Main street movie theaters would be raised from a "jitney" to a dime.

Memphis had won 10 and lost 28 games and was holding "down" the bottom of the Southern league percentage column with a mark of .208.

## The Scarecrow Takes Time to Think

"It seems to me," began the Scare-row, when all were again assembled to the throne room, "that the girl Jin-ir is quite right in claiming to be useen. And if she is right, then I am rong, and we have no business to be coupying her palace."

occupying her palace."

"But you were the King until she came," said the Woggle-Bug, strutting up and down with his hands in his pockets, "so it appears to me that she is the interloper instead of you."

"Especially as we have just conquered her and put her to flight," added the Pumpkinhead, as he raised his hands to turn his face toward the Scarecrow.

"Have we really conquered her?" asked the Scarecrow, quietly. "Look out of the window and tell me what you see."

ou see."
Tip ran to the window and looked

